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PATENT

Case No.: 10690/014

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appl. of: Johan Pieter de Wet, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/549,767

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OXYGENATES FROM A
HYDROCARBON STREAM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.